FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 3839 - HB 3638

April 14, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016681): Deletes subsection (a) in Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-2-301 in the amendatory language of Section 1 of the original bill. Prohibits the jury coordinator from using the permanent voter registration records as a source to compile the jury list. Requires any voter registration form created on or after January 1, 2009, by the State Coordinator of Elections to state the following: "Names of persons selected for jury service in state court are not chosen from permanent voter registration records."

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures - Net Impact - Exceeds \$50,000/Permissive

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Exceeds \$50,000/Permissive

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Local government expenditures will decrease as a result of this bill. Under current law, counties are required to pay jury commissioners \$50 per day and this bill eliminates jury commissioners. Local government expenditures could increase if a judge hires a jury coordinator in addition to the court clerk. It is estimated that the majority of court clerks are already performing the tasks required in this bill and would not require additional personnel. The net impact to local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$50,000 statewide.
- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, the cost to revise the existing forms to include the required statement is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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